[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

to constitute a committee to examine and revise the *Puduval* Rules, consisting of the Land Revenue Commissioner, the Dewan Peishkars of Trivandrum, Quilon and Kottayam and 3 non-officials, to be elected by the non-official members of the Legislative Council from among themselves at the current session of the Council.

Issue of Demand Notices.

87. **MR. K. K. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): (1) With regard to the motion regarding demand notices, printed at page 293 of Volume VII of *the Legislative Council Proceedings*, will the Government be pleased to state whether any action has been taken by them in keeping with the spirit of the resolution of the Council?

(2) If not, will they be pleased to state whether they propose to take any action?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) and (2) The member is referred to G. O. Dis. No. 1084 of 26/Rev., dated the 20th July 1926, published at pages 1141 and 1142 of the Land Revenue Departmental Sheet of the *Government Gazette* dated the 27th July 1926.

Export of Phosphatic Manures from Travancore.

88. **MR. K. K. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) what is the opinion of the Agricultural Department with regard to the phosphatic contents of Travancore soils and whether it is comparatively very poor;

(2) the amount of phosphatic manures, *i. e.*, prawn skins, fish manure, bone and *poonac*, exported from Travancore annually; and

(3) whether, in view of the fact that phosphatic manures are essential for the development of agriculture in the country, the Government will take steps for prohibiting the export of these articles from Travancore?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) The opinion of the Agricultural Department is that the phosphatic contents of Travancore soils are very poor.

(2) The member is referred to Appendix XXIII of the Annual Reports of the Excise Department. A statement* containing the figures for 1100 is laid on the table.

(3) This is a matter which requires careful consideration.

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): With regard to part 3 of the answer, may I know whether the Government are prepared to consider it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is there.

* *Vide* Appendix III— page 240.

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MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): As it is stated that the matter requires careful consideration, I ask again whether the Government *will* be pleased to consider it carefully?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is not possible to give an assurance immediately. I can say that the Government will consider it.

Forest Utilisation Officer.

89. **MR. K. K. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) whether they have appointed a Forest Utilisation Officer for reporting on the Travancore forest produce;

(2) whether reports have been submitted by that officer, and if so, on what articles of forest produce;

(3) on what articles reports are still due from the officer; and

(4) whether they will expedite the completion of the reports?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) In 1096, the Government deputed Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai, then Deputy Conservator of Forests, and in 1099, Mr. K. S. Narayana Aiyangar, Assistant Conservator of Forests, for forest 'utilisation' work. There is no Utilisation Officer now.

(2) Progress reports of the work done were submitted to the Government.

Mr. Dhanukoti Pillai conducted an economic survey of the forests in the Northern Forest Division and investigated the possibility of utilising reeds and soft woods for pulp manufacture. As a result of this, a match factory has been established in North Travancore which is utilising *eeta* for the manufacture of matches, etc.

Mr. K. S. Narayana Aiyangar, Assistant Conservator, was, during the period of his deputation, engaged in—

(*a*) finding out the conditions of the timber market and facilities for timber trade;

(*b*) enumeration and valuation survey of the reed areas in the Yerur and Pattanapuram Ranges for supply of raw materials to the Punalur Paper Mills;

(*c*) investigating the possibility of a ropeway at Ramakkalmettu; and

(*d*) experimenting with varieties of minor forest produce. Several specimens of known timbers were also got tested by him regarding their suitability for pencil making, billiard cues, etc.

(3) and (4) In 1099, the Government ordered that the work of investigation of the minor forest produce should be carried on by each of the Divisional Forest Officers in their respective divisions.

Timber Depots in the Kottayam Division.

90. **MR. K. K. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the number of timber depots in the Kottayam Forest Division;

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Appendix II A.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 83.**

Statement showing the yield of the Cocoanut Farm, Vaikam, during 1098 –1100.

Year.	*No. of cocoanuts harvested.*	*Sale proceeds of cocoanuts.* Rs.	Ch.	C.
1098	4,605	229	22	7
1099	7,021	366	24	13
1100	8,268	453	10	7

Appendix II B.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 83.**

Statement showing the expenditure incurred on the Cocoanut Farm, Vaikam, during 1098—1100.

Year.	Seeds, manures, &c.			Wages including establishment charges.			Permanent improvements.			Miscellaneous.			Total.		
	Rs.	Ch.	Ca.	Rs.	Ch.	Ca.	Rs.	Ch.	Ca.	Rs.	Ch.	Ca	Rs.	Ch.	Ca.
1098	75	...	...	208	9	11	542	11	4	2	22	0	828	14	15
1099	108	27	12	312	23	3	224	25	14	5	2	8	651	23	5
1100	126	19	11	309	7	...	346	15	10	13	20	4	796	6	9

Appendix III.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 88**

Statement showing the quantity of phosphatic manures exported during 1100.

		Quantity exported in 1100. Cwts.	*Value.* Rs.
Horns, bones, etc.	...	1,238	3,829
Fish manure	...	6,978	35,148
Prawn skin	...	7,212	28,125
Laurel *poonac*	...	4,076	10,782
Marotti *poonac*	...	780	2,244
Other oil cakes	...	5,966	43,582
Total	...	26,250	1,23,710

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